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Consumer Staples - Overall (Neutral - Maintained) - 4QFY25 results preview: Weakness persists rohan.kalle@incredresearch.com

- Our FMCG pack (aggregate) is expected to post 4% yoy sales growth in 4QFY25F. Margin pressure is likely to sustain due to sharp input cost inflation.
- Titan is likely to post 24.9% yoy sales growth led by 25% growth in the jewellery business while Ethos is expected to post 30%/20% sales/SSSG growth.
- We prefer Marico, GCPL & Britannia among FMCG players and have an ADD rating on Titan. TCPL Packaging, and Ethos remain our high-conviction picks.

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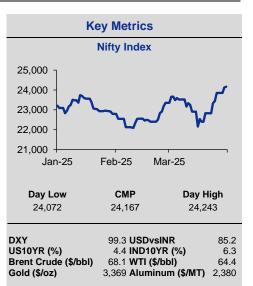
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- 4QFY25 revenue missed estimate while the EBIT margin was in line.
- The upper end of the guidance, excluding 100bp of inorganic contribution, was modestly better than its peers but is hinged on select deal closures.
- Trimming of estimates leads to a change in our rating to HOLD, vs. ADD earlier, with a lower target price of Rs1,585.

Healthcare - Overall (Overweight - Maintained) - 4Q: Healthy India, US biz performance likely

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- India business is expected to post early-teen YoY growth. The US biz is likely to post 2-12% QoQ growth while the diagnostics biz to be a mixed bag YoY.
- We expect a 12% YoY topline growth for pharma companies in our coverage, with a 175bp YoY improvement in margin and a 15% YoY earnings growth.
- Strong results are likely from Aurobindo Pharma, Divi's Laboratories, Laurus Labs, Torrent Pharmaceuticals, and Zydus Lifesciences.

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Figure 1: Top Buys (All ADD Ratings)

Company	Bloomberg Ticker	Market Capital (Rs bn)	Price	Target Price	Up/down (%)	Analyst Name
Large Cap						
HDFC Bank	HDFCB IN	15,011	1,962	2,200	12%	Meghna LUTHRA
Tata Consultancy Services	TCS IN	11,992	3,314	3,589	8%	Abhishek SHINDADKAR
Bajaj Finance Ltd	BAF IN	5,755	9,261	9,750	5%	Meghna LUTHRA
Maruti Suzuki	MSIL IN	3,689	11,734	14,261	22%	Pramod AMTHE
UltraTech Cement Ltd	UTCEM IN	3,524	11,959	12,900	8%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Axis Bank	AXSB IN	3,769	1,217	1,285	6%	Bhavik Shah
Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone Ltd	ADSEZ IN	2,664	1,233	1,457	18%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Bajaj Auto	BJAUT IN	2,273	8,141	10,590	30%	Pramod AMTHE
Pidilite Industries Limited	PIDI IN	1,541	3,029	3,470	15%	Rohan KALLE
Shriram Finance Limited	SHFL IN	1,323	704	800	14%	Jignesh SHIAL
Cipla Ltd	CIPLA IN	1,234	1,528	1,640	7%	Yogesh SONI
Mid-cap						
Lupin Ltd	LPC IN	934	2,047	2,329	14%	Yogesh SONI
Marico Ltd	MRCO IN	919	709	750	6%	Rohan KALLE
Cummins India Ltd	KKC IN	803	2,897	3,909	35%	Ishan VERMA
UPL Limited	UPLL IN	505	673	1,289	92%	Satish KUMAR
Petronet LNG	PLNG IN	470	314	519	65%	Pratyush KAMAL
Container Corp of India Ltd	CCRI IN	433	710	1,133	60%	Rajarshi MAITRA
Small-cap						
Ajanta Pharma Ltd	AJP IN	335	2,682	3,220	20%	Yogesh SONI
Deepak Fertilisers & Petrochemicals Corp. Ltd.	DFPC IN	161	1,276	2,051		Pratyush KAMAL
Birla Corporation Ltd	BCORP IN	86	1,113	1,455	31%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Ethos Limited	ETHOSLTD IN	67	2,753	3,400	24%	Rohan KALLE
Skipper Limited	SKIPPER IN	53	458	695	52%	Ishan VERMA
TCPL Packaging Ltd	TCPL IN	36	3,920	4,380	12%	Nishant BAGRECHA
Globus Spirits Ltd	GBSL IN	31	1,083	1,584	46%	Nitin AWASTHI
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Figure 2: Top Sells (All REDUCE Ratings) Bloomberg Up/down (%) Analyst Name Market Capital Company Price **Target Price** Ticker (Rs bn) Large Cap 3,030 INDIGO IN InterGlobe Aviation Ltd 2,139 5,534 -45% Rajarshi MAITRA Tata Steel TATA IN 1,725 138 82 -41% Satish KUMAR Mid-cap SBI Cards SBICARD IN 871 916 550 -40% Meghna LUTHRA Clean Science and Technology CLEAN IN 1,205 128 683 -43% Satish KUMAR SOURCES: INCRED RESEARCH, BLOOMBERG

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17 Apr 2025	Abhishek Shindadkar	Wipro - Weak print (REDUCE-Downgrade)
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15 Apr 2025	Rohan Kalle	Consumer Staples - Overall - 4QFY25 results preview: Weakness persists (Neutral-Maintained)
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04 Apr 2025	Pramod Amthe	Strategy Note - High-conviction ideas for Apr 2025
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